

# ADVOCATES *for* Senior Issues



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## AFSI MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 16, 2023 10am – 12pm

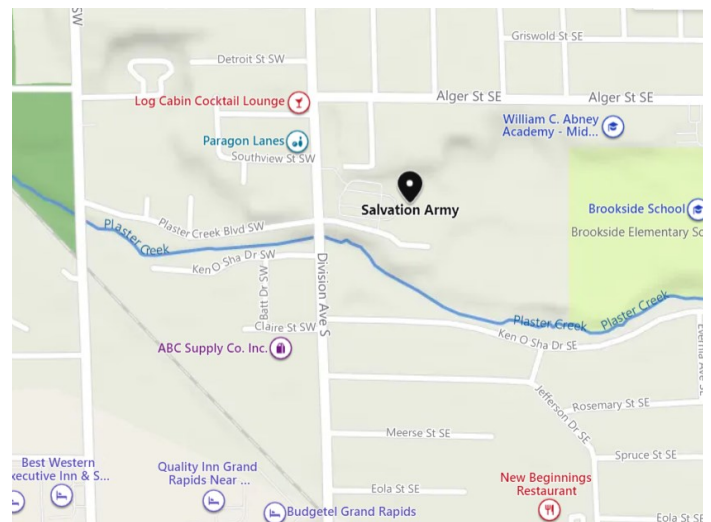
*AFSI monthly meeting presentation and program beginning at 10am*

**WHO:** The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

**WHAT:** An opportunity to advocate, learn, and grow together. There will be a continental breakfast so **be sure to arrive early and bring a guest!**

**WHEN:** June 16, 2023 10am-12pm

**WHERE:** Salvation Army Kroc Center  
2500 Division Ave S.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507



### Questions?

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*June 16, 2023*

*“Bring a Friend” Day!*

Bring a friend with you to our  
June Advocates for Senior Issues  
Meeting and you and your guest will be  
entered to win a Gift Card!

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### AGENDA

#### Call to Order and Announcements:

Lody Zwarenstejn, President

#### Legislative Presentation

#### Carol Hennessy, Kent County Commissioner,

Action through collaboration is a priority for Carol Hennessy, who has served continuously as a Kent County Commissioner since 2007. During that time, she was elected by fellow board members as Minority Party Vice Chair of the Commission for eight years as the first to hold this leadership position. She began serving on the board for Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan and on the Senior Millage Review Committee about 15 years ago. This has been a continued emphasis to make sure senior residents are served well so they may “age in place” – where ever they desired to live. As a commissioner, she is also on the John Ball Zoo Board and the Convention Arena Authority Liaison Committee. Additionally, she is treasurer of the NEW Development Corp. board working to support affordable home ownership.

#### Program Presentation

#### Christine Friedt, Planning Tomorrow’s Travel Today

“How to best plan the trip that fits your idea of a fun get-away .”

Christine Friedt has three joys in life - people, travel and family! For 22 years, Christine has served as a trip director for those seeking adventure through travel. She has co-owned an escorted group travel business for nine years where she has excelled at providing memory-making moments. Her attention to detail and customer service is exemplary. Christine has an additional 15 years of experience working with seniors as well. She enjoys creating opportunities that fosters learning and engagement at any age. Christine is a devoted Oma to her seven grandchildren. She is very involved in their lives and there is no doubt they are well loved! Anyone that knows Christine will tell you that she has that spark of something special. Her enthusiasm is contagious, as is her desire to help others. When you are with her in any capacity, you are in good hands!

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